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(Hartford) STATE VICTIM ADVOCATE MICHELLE CRUZ ANNOUNCES INVESTIGATION INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO THE TRIPLE HOMICIDE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2010, IN EAST HARTFORD, CT.

State Victim Advocate Michelle Cruz has informed Chief Sirois of the East Hartford Police Department that the Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA) is investigating the facts and circumstances that led to the triple homicide on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2010.

“A cursory review of judicial records, documents and other information establish that the East Hartford Police Department had numerous interactions with Beverly Therrien, one of the three victims, and that they were advised on several occasions of Ms. Therrien’s concern for her safety,” stated Cruz. “The OVA’s investigation will focus on the actions, or inactions, of the East Hartford Police Department when responding to domestic violence incidents and whether more could have and/or should have been done to protect not only Ms. Therrien, but also her live in caretakers, Pamela Johns and Michael Ramsey, also victims in the horrific murder.”

Additionally, the OVA will be reviewing the arrest warrant procedures of the Hartford Judicial District State’s Attorney. “It has been widely reported to the OVA that arrest warrants, based on the probable cause standard, are being denied by prosecutors, who instead are requiring an elevated standard for arrest. It is equally troubling that there is a triple murderer on the loose while the surviving family members of Pamela Johns and Michael Ramsey patiently await justice,” added Cruz. “Unfortunately justice delayed is justice denied.”

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